

Hot Times!

Yes it seems to be getting rather warm in our old town. Let the good work continue. The people need the help. Cotton at five cents, they need close prices. Cut 'em low, slash the knife in 'em and let the people have the profits. We came here to stay and don't you forget it. "But" we are staying. Our motto—

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Bought Just Right.

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We Lead, Others Follow.

Yours for furniture,

J. D. KERR,

Phone No. 80.

RIPPLES FROM ROCKY RIVER

Visitors and People at Home—Cotton—Drama—Christmas, &c., &c.

Mr. J. T. Latimer went to Abbeville on Tuesday. Rev. E. W. Mason started for Florence Tuesday morning, where the South Carolina Conference was to and did begin the following day. Mr. A. V. Barnes, who has been traveling for Evans, Magahan & Co., a Charleston house, went over to Atlanta, Ga., several days ago, where he will remain for sometime with a wholesale house in that city, and will then travel for it in the future. The Lowndesville Dramatic Club went to M. Carmel Friday evening, where it had an engagement that night. It performed the play to a crowded house, and was much pleased with its trip. Mrs. J. F. Barnes spent several days last week in this place with kinfolk. Mr. Tom Liddell, of Abbeville, came up Saturday and remained till today with the family of his grandfather, Mr. T. T. Cunningham. Cotton came in pretty lively during the past week, and brought remunerative prices. 1897 is rapidly drawing to a close. Christmas, the annual time of rejoicing particularly for the little folk, will soon be upon us, but even they do not seem to be entering into the spirit of fun in anticipation of the occasion that they usually do at this date, but it may be, and for their sakes, it is hoped that will be rapidly developed in the next few days, for we who are older, in seeing their fun and frolic, live over our childhood days. Our Dramatic Club will have an entertainment in this place Thursday night next, the 18th, and will go to Abbeville the next day and will perform the play in that place that night. The Presbyterian was the only one of our churches yesterday in which there was preaching. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Fennel, occupied the pulpit at 11:30 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Troupe.

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WEST END.

Happenings and Incidents of a Week About the City.

Miss Janie Quarles, after a delightful visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Walker, in Atlanta, came home last Saturday. Dr. Wieman, of Bradley, was in the city Saturday. Notwithstanding the "hard times" and the long faces our people have been greeted with on all sides there will be many hearts made happy Christmas. Many beautiful and useful presents will be given to loved ones, and "peace on earth, good will to men" should be the motto of all. Let every one of us, for at least one day in the twelve months be happy. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yates will spend the holidays in Monroe, N. C. They left for that city yesterday. No services in the Methodist church last Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Clifton being in Florence at conference. Saturday was one of the hottest days of the season. Our merchants were hustling from early till late, and the day's business was very satisfactory to them. At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning Dr. Wilson preached to a large congregation, a very interesting and instructive sermon. His text was "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The music and singing was delightful, especially the offertory anthem. The Volunteers drilled Monday night. The inclement weather does not interfere with the work of the company, and when the time for competitive drills comes the boys expect to bring home more than one prize. Mr. B. Mitchell, who for some months was train despatcher for the S. A. L. at this point, after an absence of nearly two years is in his old position again. His friends gladly welcome him back. While away from here he was with the Southern railroad. Already the nights are being made hideous by the small boy and the large fire-cracker. Some of these immense crackers explode with a report that would do credit to a ten pound gun. Boys, fire-crackers and Christmas make a great combination. There are many handsome and useful Christmas goods in the stores of our merchants and old Santa Claus will have no trouble in selecting presents for the people, old and young. R. C. Bernau has many lovely articles. In his show windows are exquisite ornate table and lamp to match, beside vases and the finest of china ware. He also has a complete line of clocks, watches, jewelry, silverware, in fact every article found in a city jewelry store. Messrs. McDill & Lyon are showing some very pretty Christmas goods in the way of pictures. These make lasting and welcome presents, additions to any house, even an old bachelor's den looks brighter when adorned with pictures. The German Club has decided to give a dance during Christmas week, and will make it the social event of the season. The dance will be in the Volunteers Armory. A first Orchestra will be secured for the occasion. Committees appointed to take charge of the arrangements are now at work getting everything in readiness. Judge W. C. Bennet spent several days in the city during the past week. Hon. T. H. McCalla was here Saturday; he guest of Mr. F. H. Speed. January 1, 1898, Messrs. McDill & Lyon will move in to new quarters. The hall over Capt. J. G. Edwards' store has been removed and put in shape for them, a broad stairway opening on the sidewalk has been built making an easy way of access to the new store. Messrs. W. T. Branch and F. L. Morrow left Monday for Charleston to attend the Annual Communion of the Grand Lodge A. F. M. that is now in session in that city, will return tomorrow or Friday. Neckties, handkerchiefs, kid gloves or silk umbrellas make nice and acceptable Christmas presents for gentlemen. You will find them at "Cohen's."

CHRISTMAS TIMES.

All Sorts of Good Things which Have Been Gathered for You.

Due West, S. C., Dec. 14, 1897. Rev. F. L. Leeper lectured to young men in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Saturday evening and to the D. V. F. C., Sabbath night. Subject, "Mission."

There will be an entertainment by the children of the primary department of the Female College next week. Everybody is expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Magill returned from Greenville where they had been visiting their parents.

Something of a difficulty occurred last week near Dr. Hawthorne's where a hot supper was in progress in which several negroes received cuts and wounds, but not of a serious nature.

Mr. F. I. Bell visited his daughter in Anderson Thursday.

Mr. T. F. Blackwell has bought the Boyce place near town.

Master Clifford Haddon spent Sabbath with his parents.

Mrs. Lena McClarkson, of Columbia, is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leeper.

Miss Viola Poore, one of Due West's most fascinating young ladies has been on a short visit to her parents. Miss Viola is the principal of a flourishing high school in Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Little, of Abbeville, spent Sabbath with their parents.

Miss Bell Haddon is on a visit to her uncle, Mr. J. C. Haddon.

Dr. Grier has returned much improved by his visit and rest.

Mr. L. M. Pratt and son, Eugene, of Greenwood, are in town.

Mrs. Dr. Anderson has returned to her home in Anderson county.

Mr. Morton Collins was on our streets yesterday.

Messrs. Brown and Johnson, of Donalds, have been in town.

Miss Florence Ballard, who has had charge of Bell, Ellis & Co's millinery department leaves for home today. Miss Ballard has made many friends during her stay amongst us.

A hot time is expected in Magistrate Hollingsworth's Court today. Messrs. Mitchell and Graydon will contend. Charge against Starks refusal to work roads.

There will be more than one change in our mercantile firms by January 1st.

Mr. C. E. Todd has bought a portion of the Haddon place near here.

Messrs. Ritchey and Seawright, of Abbeville, passed through town yesterday.

Milk Cow for Sale.

If you wish to buy a good milk cow with a young calf, apply to W. J. Devore, at Templeton's store.

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March 10, 1897.—12m

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We can supply your tables for Breakfast, Dinner and Tea with a bountiful spread of "Good Things" that will be both tempting and palatable.

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S. F. Killingsworth,
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DENTAL NOTICE.
Dr. S. G. Thomson,
OFFICE UP-STAIRS ON EDLWAIN
Corner, Abbeville, S. C.

Mr. Bernau, the Jeweler, while in New York had plenty of time to hunt for bargains. He has bought a nice line of silver watches and jewelry goods. Watch his special bargain advertisements.

Don't be Chairless

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" " " **SIDEBOARDS.**
" " " **HALL TREES.**
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WICKER ROCKERS, OAK ROCKERS, MAHOGANY
ROCKERS IN CANE AND LEATHER SEATS FOR

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as cheap as here. Bargains that make you wonder how they can be turned out for so little money—a wonder that still further increases when you see them. A trial will convince you there is satisfaction and money saved.

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Your opportunity is at hand. Goods that you can buy elsewhere at a uniform price is not a bargain, but here you always find values rare and unexpected, as well as timely and seasonable. Hats, Cap and Shoe prices cut to the bone.

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